

GLADSTONE, MICH., A SUBPORT OF ENTRY.

JUNE 16, 1898.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HOPKINS, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4456.]

The Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4456) to designate Gladstone, Mich., a subport of entry, having duly considered the same, recommend the passage of the bill for reasons given in the accompanying letter from the Secretary of the Treasury.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., April 30, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a communication, dated the 26th instant, from the clerk to your committee, with which was transmitted, for an expression of my views thereon, copy of Senate bill 4456, providing for the designation of Gladstone, Mich., as a subport of entry in the customs collection district of Superior, and extending to said place the privileges of the act approved June 10, 1880, governing the immediate transportation of dutiable merchandise without appraisement.

In reply I have to state that there appears to be a commercial necessity for the proposed action, as at the place named the services of a customs officer are now required in the supervision of the transshipment of dutiable merchandise from cars to vessels, and vice versa, and for the further reason that if the necessary facilities were available foreign merchandise, which is now imported with more or less inconvenience to merchants at other ports, could be entered at the place named. I therefore commend the bill to the favorable consideration of the committee.

Respectfully, yours,

L. J. GAGE, *Secretary.*

Hon. W. P. FRYE,
Chairman Committee on Commerce, United States Senate.